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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

In article <mjrCADt1u.1p7@netcom.com>, mjr@netcom.com (Matthew Rapaport) writes:
|> In article <229cnr$hjg@sun1.clark.net> andy@clark.net (Andrew M. Cohn) writes:
|> >
|> >Recently I purchased their model KD4 2/70 dual-band rubber duck for my
|> >Alinco DJ-580.

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|> Yup... Got one myself. A wonderful antenna, I highly recommend it. Had
|> an MFJ 19" extendable whip which works just as well (extended) but is a
|> pain to carry around that way... Collapsing and extending it all the
|> time was getting real tiresome, so I tried the Larsen... Good choice.
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|> --
|> matthew rapaport    Philosopher/Programmer At Large      KD6KVH
|>            mjr@netcom.com    70371.255@compuserve.com

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I am quite happy with my Anli-800 combination duck and telescoping whip.  It
has a base coil which connects to either a slim duck or the whip.  I can't
transmit yet :-( but it sure made a big difference on receive!

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+    "Welcome back my friends to the show that never ends!" EL&P
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Date: 19 Jul 93 09:00:23 est
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: CW continued
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, adams@chuck.dallas.sgi.com (Charles Adams) writes:

[deletions]

>WAIT:  forgot.  the world record for sending with a straight key is
>       35 WPM set on November 9, 1942 by Harry A. Turner a Camp Crowder
>       MO.  He was a member of the Army Signal Corp.  talk about cramps!
>       do this for two or three minutes.  ok. i'm outta here......

I wonder how he sent it. My dad, W9BRD, has a wonderful
two-finger (and two-handed) method of sending with a straight key
that's darned fast. (I can do it, too; it pays to be interested
in percussion.) Dunno what my/our max speed is. It's quite
distinctive, though: My dad used that technique to qualify for
the 2nd-Class Commercial radiotelegraph license just after WWII.
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It raised eyebrows at the Chicago FCC office. When my dad took
his Extra exam in the late 1960s, he used the same two-finger
technique and *the same examiner* heard it, leaned out of his
office and said "It's *him*!"

Incidentally, Chuck, my dad, who copied slip for a spell at WAR
during WWII, is certified at 55 WPM, and I see you're at 60 --
FB. *My* brain typing/copying "machine" doesn't mesh anywhere
that well!

Regards/WJ1Z

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Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 12:39:43 GMT
From: pipex!bnr.co.uk!bnrgate!nott!cunews!freenet.carleton.ca!Freenet.carleton.ca!
ae517@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Foreigner getting US liscence ?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, park@casbah.acns.nwu.edu (Yongsup Park) says:

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>I'm an international student holding F-1 visa.
>Having operated as a memeber of club station HL0U,
>I'm pretty familiar with HAM but since I came to US I ignored
>about HAM because I thought US and Korea don't have reciprocal
>operation agreement and since I'm not a US citizen, I presumed
>I can't get a US liscnce. But very recently, I've heard otherwise.
>I've heard many JAs go to Guam to get US liscnec since it's pretty
>convenient at times. So I ask now, is it possible for a non-US
>citizen, non-permanent resident to get a US liscence ?
>If it's possible, I'll definitely pursue it ..
>
>Thanks in advance
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>_____
>Yongsup Park(9Z ?k <7)   \   park@anmsd3.msd.anl.gov   /   Intentiolnally
>Physics & Astronomy Dept.   \   park@casbah.acns.nwu.edu /   left as a
>Northwestern University   \   B40180@ANLCV1.BITNET   /   blank space.
>
It's no problem at all! As long as you have a U.S. address, you can

get yourself a U.S. licence. I used my uncle's address in Detroit. Of course,
you WILL have to sit for the examinations. But if you've been a ham for a
while, it should be no problem; it IS a multiple-guess format exam :-)

73 de ve3uav/aa8?? (still waiting on U.S. call)

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Date: 19 Jul 93 09:26:48 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: help me choose a good name....
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, ksampath@magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu (Krishna S Sampath)
writes:

>i need your help picking a good "name", for cw because people find it hard
>to copy krishna (dahdidah didahdit didit dididit didididit dahdit didah)....

Krishna,

I see no reason to change your name at all! It is a fine and honorable name,
indeed. :-).

If you would like to shorten it for CW, Kris should work just fine. After
all, hams who talk all over the world do become accustomed to names
other than "Bill" and "George."

I have had a lot of folks not be able to copy "Ed", so I suspect that
part of the problem is not the difficulty of your name. Of course, if
I am running my usual power (10 milliwatts), people have trouble with
EVERYTHING I send. :-).

73 from ARRL HQ, Ed

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225 Main St.
Newington, CT 06111   "The goal of every engineer is to
(203) 666-1541 - voice   retire without getting blamed for a
ARRL Laboratory Supervisor   major catastrophe." -- Scott Adams
RFI, xmtr and rcvr testing   and Dilbert

Date: 19 Jul 1993 14:24:24 GMT
From: usc!math.ohio-state.edu!magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu!ksampath@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: help me choose a good name....
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <22c4v3$89l@charm.magnus.acs.ohio-state.edu> I had written:

>   i need your help picking a good "name", for cw because people find it hard
>to copy krishna (dahdidah didahdit didit dididit didididit dahdit didah)....
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>   should i settle for something else? with my name being krishna sampath,
>i have a choice.....i could go chris, sampath or sam..... any suggestions?
>
>73 de kb8fav
>krishna
>--

      thanks to everyone who replied, i have decided to use
      my full name. as ed hare at arrl pointed out, people should
      get used to other names than "bill" and "mike".... :-)

      so i am going to remain,

      krishna
      kb8fav/kt/?
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dr krishna s. sampath...senior research associate...kss@lenz.eng.ohio-state.edu
ohio state u, electroscience lab......(614) 292-7981 (w).....(614) 292-7297 (f)
1320 kinnear rd, columbus, oh 43212..06/93 ee phd looking for emi/emc/comm. job
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Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 13:49:11 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!
bodoh@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: impatient newbie ham
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <22a6hpINNqg8@uwm.edu>, pachner@csd4.csd.uwm.edu (Thomas Jay Pachner)
writes:
|> I am curious to know how long it has taken new licensees within the last year
|> to receive their license. I am learning the definition of eternity.
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|> =-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=-=
|> Thomas Jay Pachner -=- Music Major, Bassist, and Amateur Operator (soon)
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As another impatient newbie I can only pass on what I've heard. I have seen
recent postings that varied from 4 to 8 weeks - with 7 weeks being
what most people are seeing. I've only heard of two getting theirs in 4
weeks - and I'm not sure how that would have happened.

Assuming that you tested with a ARRL VE team, the VE and VEC are not the
big holdup. Our VE's mail their paperwork to the ARRL the next day and
they said that the ARRL processes them the day received and Fedex's them
to the FCC. They also said that the FCC then keys them in (in Gettysburgh)
and then sends them by modem to the DC office. They then do some checking
(to see if you have a lifetime suspension, etc) and then print your license
and enter you in the database. I wouldn't be surprised if they also ran the
names of the applicants against the most wanted list and a list of those
delinquint on school loans - allowing for interagency cooperation. I've heard
that there are two part-timers that do the data entry on Thursdays.

I like the recent FCC proposal to allow VE's to issue instant callsigns - or
were they temporary callsigns?

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Date: 19 Jul 1993 12:22:16 GMT
From: mcsun!sunic!news.lth.se!pomona.tde.lth.se!sund@uunet.uu.net
Subject: NEW VERSION OF MORSETRAINER FOR MAC AVAILABLE (1.0.3)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

MorseTrainer 1.0.3

Available now via anonymous ftp at 130.235.32.86

morsetrainer-US-1.0.3.hqx (US version)
morsetraening-S-1.0.3.hqx (Swedish version)

MorseTrainer 1.0.3 is a new-features and bug-fix release:

1.
The tempo and speed settings can be given as words per minute or as before
characters per minute by using a poupmenu.
2.
Monaco 12 is used to represent the text to be signalled. The problem with
this
font is that O (the letter) and 0 (zero) can't be distinguished from each
other.
However, this is not the case for the TrueType version of Monaco 12.
Therefore,
if TrueType is available it will be used instead of bitmapped fonts.
3.
A number of small bugs have been fixed.

MorseTrainer is a powerful tool for learning and training Morse code.

Features

* Three different training modes: user text, random text, library text
* Arbitrary signal pitch and timbre
* Arbitrary speed and tempo
* Multi-alphabet support
* Random text generator
* Text library editor
* On-line alphabet
* On-line manual
* Help Balloons
* And a lot more!

And of course, it's FREEWARE!

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Date: 19 Jul 1993 12:48:04 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!haven.umd.edu!cville-
srv.wam.umd.edu!ham@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: People with funny ears
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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> I tip my head, one way or another, etc to 'hear' the signal better.
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>By the time I reset my dial and or select a narrower band width, I've dropped
>the pencil, it rolls away and I bump the dial trying to fish around for the
>pencil!

Does anybody here have a dog?

Have you ever been saying something, or listening to something, and you
see the dog cock its head to one side or the other? Imagine what it
would be like if you had these REALLY high-gain ears, like dogs do,
and had to pick something out of the noise?

Dogs have been tilting their heads to hear better for a long time. It's
not that they're confused about something, or trying to understand
you better - they're just trying to hear better.

Scott NF3I See, we're not so advanced after all. Imagine if you could
            teach a dog Morse Code. Of course, getting him/her to WRITE
            down what was sent could be a little tough...

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73,   _____ _____   The
                                    \ / Long   Original
Scott Rosenfeld Amateur Radio NF3I Burtonsville, MD | Live $5.00

    WAC CW/SSB WAS 95% of the way to DXCC _____| Dipoles! Antenna!

Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 11:56:46 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!haven.umd.edu!cs.umd.edu!
afterlife!blackbird.afit.af.mil!blackbird!jmiller@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Public Relations (was: Communities that unduly restrict Amateur Radio
operations)
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <221gs4$b5i@meaddata.meaddata.com> robertp@meaddata.com (Robert Penrod)
writes:

   In article <1993Jul13.164317.14482@rsg1.er.usgs.gov>, bodoh@dgg.cr.usgs.gov
(Tom Bodoh) writes:
   |> In article <21ucvb$c3u@gopher.cs.uofs.edu>, bill@cs.uofs.edu (Bill

Gunshannon) writes:
    |> |> In article <2347@indep1.UUCP>, clifto@indep1.UUCP (Cliff Sharp) writes:
    |> |> |>   If they don't want me around when I'm getting the practice I need,
when
    |> |> |> I'm hooking up to the nets I'll need for emergencies and getting to
know
    |> |> |> the people I'll be working with, then as far as I'm concerned they
don't
    |> |> |> want me around when the tornado hits, either
    |>
    |> --
    |> I was wondering about this the other night. I think that while most people
    |> have heard of ham radio, nobody but hams seem to know what it's about. Many
    |> think that it is simply worldwide communications on HF, some think that it's
    |> some type of CB and some equate it to shortwave listening. It seems that
    |> some type of public awareness campaign would be in order. I'm not sure how
    |> this could be presented to the public or how it would be funded, but such a
    |> campaign should briefly describe several aspects of the hobby and emphasize
    |> the public/emergency service functions. Perhaps a full page ad in one or
two
    |> magazines such as Time or Newsweek or in major newspapers would help. TV
    |> spots would certainly be helpfull and perhaps could qualify as public
service
    |> ads, unfortunately that would mean that they run late at night. Funding is
    |> certainly the major roadblock - perhaps the ARRL has looked into this...
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    -- A representitive from ARRL came to a DARA (Dayton Amature Radio Association)
    just before HamVention. One of the questions asked of him was about the Public
    Relation firm ARRL hired, what had they done. He told us that a lot of good PR
    articls were out and had been published. I took on the challange and searched
    for some of this PR. I found very little in the major newspapers, I have
access
    to search several from around the country. I then searched newspapers, using
Ham
    Radio, Amature Radio, ARRL(even spelled out ARRL) from 1990 to present, only a
few
    articles were locate
    stly to anounce classes or tests. Of course our colleagues in former
Yugoslavia
    have received great PR for their work. I can
    remember the news of the Alaska earthquake was first relayed by Amature Radio,
    they were heros and a Postage Stamp was even issued in their honor. ARRL needs
    to get that PR firm moving, get the word out, Amature Radio should not be
considerd
    a nuisance.

(.sig's deleted to save space)

The ARRL representative that night was Allan Severson, AB8P, the Great Lakes Division
director. The reason I asked him that question (yes, folks, it was nice little old
me raising the ruckus) was that my limited experience was the same: namely, that I
had yet to see any results from the work done by the firm ARRL had placed on retainer.
In a private e-mail, a ARRL section manager who frequents this group essentially
confirmed what AB8P had said and added that at least in his area, the PR firm had
provided some good stories. In accordance with netiquette, I'll let that SM reveal
himself and/or amplify his remarks if he so desires.

I am still left with my original concern: IMHO, the purpose of the ARRL and its PR
firm should be to coordinate *national-level* publicity. Local PR should be handled
by local clubs and ARRL PIO's. This, of course, requires local clubs to get off
dead center and do some work. Depressingly, though, I think this is another area
where W2NSD/1 is correct...most clubs don't give a rodent's hindquarters about doing
this kind of work.

Reasonably long-term readers of this group may remember my surprise last year at seeing
absolutely no mention of Hamvention in the multitude of Dayton-area promotional
brochures I received from several real estate agents prior to my arrival. Lo and
behold, I picked up the latest issue of the Dayton rag published to attract tourists
and conventions and saw a listing for the Hamvention, so at least locally we're
making some progress. On an unrelated note, last week's issue of the Huber Heights
(Dayton suburb, for the Miami Valley-impaired) "Courier" had a front page story
with pictures on the work that Nelson (WB8VUU) and Paula (KA8HQJ) DiGennaro are
doing with Skywarn. I doubt that the ARRL or its PR firm know (or even should know)
about this story -- but maybe I'll sned them a copy for the League files.

The bottom line is this: what can the ARRL do to improve the general public's image
of Amateur Radio? What *should* the League do? More importantly, what can *you* do?

73, Jeff

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Jeff Miller, NH6ZW/N8, AFA1HE (ex WD6CQV, AFA8JM, AFA1DO)
AFIT School of Engineering, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH
Welcome to Ohio: Our state flower is the orange highway construction barrel.
Help eliminate FOD in our lifetime.

Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 10:41:00 GMT
From: anomaly.sbs.com!kd1hz@uunet.uu.net
Subject: QST CD-ROM
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

alanb@sr.hp.com (Alan Bloom) writes:

>Buckmaster Publishing has every issue of QST back to 1914 on microfiche.
>They advertise in QST. I forget the price, but it's not cheap.

$490. Useless unless you have a fichereader, or are blind.

Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 13:51:06 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!darwin.sura.net!rsg1.er.usgs.gov!dgg.cr.usgs.gov!
bodoh@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: QST CD-ROM
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <22aqud$2qaq@ilx018.intel.com>, dbraun@ilx049.intel.com (Doug Braun)
writes:
|> A poster alluded to the existence of a CD-ROM with back issues
|> of QST on it. Does anyone know more about this (e.g. where to
|> get it and how much it costs)?
|>
|> --
|> Doug Braun (N1OWU/4X)
|>
|> ---
|> Email: dbraun@iil.intel.com
|> Intel Mail: IDC1-41
|> iNet: 8-435-5069   Long Distance: 011-972-4-655069
|> Fax: 8-435-5999   Long Distance: 011-972-4-655999
|> Snail Mail: US: Other:
|>   PO Box 311   Intel Israel, Ltd.
|>   Mendham, NJ 07945   IDC1-41
|>   Matam Scientific Center
|>   Haifa, Israel 31015
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|> "There is no human problem which could not be solved if
|>  people would simply do as I advise." -- Gore Vidal

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Perhaps you are thinking of the "QRZ" CD-ROM which contains a callsign
database and tone of other ham related information.  It does not have
back issues or QST but may be even more useful...

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Date: Mon, 19 Jul 1993 14:40:34 GMT
From: sdd.hp.com!col.hp.com!csn!yuma!galen@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: TS-820S/17m/DC For Sale.
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Kenwood TS-820S For Sale!

Has 17m transcieve capability (60 Watts CW)!

Has 12VDC capability!

Has owners' and service manual, and the article with the 17m mod!

Asking $500, will accept best offer recieved by July 26, 6pm MDT.

Terms: UPS COD cash only, you pay shipping.

Phone 303-482-2316 or e-mail (sorry, no packet addr. at current time).

Date: 19 Jul 1993 13:22:48 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!noc.near.net!jericho.mc.com!fugu!
levine@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: TS50 Illegal!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

The lead article in this week's W5YI Report is the story of several
Ham Radio retailers (like HRO) who were fined $7000 for selling the TS50

because it can transmit out of the Ham bands right out of the box
and it isn't type accepted for those frequencies. The article also
specifically mentioned the FT530 HT which can also transmit out of
the Ham bands right out of the box (140.000 - 150.000)

If it is illegal to sell these radios, then is it illegal to use them?
Is it legal to use a radio which is type accepted for a part of the
spectrum it covers, but not the entire spectrum it covers?

Bob

Date: 19 Jul 1993 14:02:28 GMT
From: news.larc.nasa.gov!grissom.larc.nasa.gov!kludge@uunet.uu.net
Subject: TS50 Illegal!
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <22e778$t15@jericho.mc.com> levine@mc.com writes:
>The lead article in this week's W5YI Report is the story of several
>Ham Radio retailers (like HRO) who were fined $7000 for selling the TS50
>because it can transmit out of the Ham bands right out of the box
>and it isn't type accepted for those frequencies. The article also
>specifically mentioned the FT530 HT which can also transmit out of
>the Ham bands right out of the box (140.000 - 150.000)

Oh, lord. The local property disposal office is getting rid of lots of
PRC-25s (although unfortunately I underbid). These radios are not type
accepted for any service, and can transmit on a number of bands. Is
the government breaking the law?
--scott

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"C'est un Nagra. C'est suisse, et tres, tres precis."

Date: 19 Jul 93 09:12:31 EDT
From: psinntp!arrl.org@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Where do I find kits?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In rec.radio.amateur.misc, fsrla@aurora.alaska.edu writes:

>Well, what I'd like to know is this. I want to learn more
>about the technical, tinkering, gizmo gadgety kind of stuff.
>So I'm courious as to where to find low cost kits for just
>about ANYTHING.

A list of kit vendors and suppliers is found on the ARRL Automated
Electronic Mail Server, info@arrl.org. The file name is KITS.
(I have sent you one by email.) If you don't know how to use the
server, send HELP as the text of an email to info@arrl.org .

The KITS file also includes the text from the August 1993 QST "Lab Notes"
column.

73 from ARRL HQ, and good luck on your exam! Ed - KA1CV

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